

550 AD \pm 50

Angles & Saxons travelled to
Britain

The ancient Germanic peoples
recorded the passing of time
in units of 'NIGHTS' rather
than in units of 'DAYS'; hence
a period of two weeks was
in OLD ENGLISH fēowertene
nigt, or 'fourteen ~~days~~ nights'.

By the early Middle English times
this was starting to be contracted
to the single word FORTNIGHT

AD 550

New defensive works built by
Sasanians including Alexander's Barrier
on the Gorgan Plain (West Asia)

AD 550) Buddhism arrives in Japan
from Korea. Temples replace
mound tombs

550 ± 50

The law of eclipses was finally formulated for China by Zhang Qiqin in the 6th century. He took refuge on an island where he spent 30 years studying the movement of the sun, the moon and 5 of the planets with the aid of an armillary sphere. He said that: "... the sun moves slower than average after the spring equinox. The Solar Eclipse occurs when the new moon passes

the sun within the limits of the solar eclipse.
No solar eclipse will occur if it passes the
sun outside of that limit. But a lunar
eclipse may occur at every FULL moon
if the latter happens to be near a node.

C 550

Rome

Chronology

Christian Era.

During middle ages was a
confusing system because the beginning
of the yr. was set at different days
in different countries. Some countries
reckoned the beginning of the era
during the yr before, others during the
yr, others after the birth of Christ
Dominicus Exiguus, the regenerator.
set its commencement on

Annunciation Day, Mar 25, nine months before the traditional date for the birth of Christ. (In 1750, England was using Mar 25 as the beginning of the yr.). Other days for the beginning of the Christian Era were Jan. 1; Mar 1; Christmas Day, and Easter. Modern scholars have not reached agreement on the actual date of birth of Christ. Many favor 4 B.C., others 6, 7, and 8 B.C.

Justinian codifies Roman law
in Corpus Juris Civilis.

550 AD

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down to modern times.

550 ± 50
6th Cen. B.C.

Solon legislated rewards
of 500 drachma (more than \$300,000)
for Athenian Olympic victors
Archaeology pg 34 (Jul/Aug 96)

$$1 \text{ drachma} = \frac{300,000}{500} = \$600$$

550

Justinian's troops occupy
ANDALUSIA,
Third Persian War

550±50

Khmer Empire

Ancient Indochinese Kingdom
established by Khmers (Cambodians)
in present day Cambodia and Laos

The invaders who were akin to the Turks rather than the Mongols proper, established themselves all over northern India, their chiefs forming a new nobility, which preferred to associate itself with the old governing class rather than to destroy it. Hence, there was at least plausible ground

for the view that the later RAJPUTS
whom Hender identifies with the
old KSHATRIYA Caste are in fact much
more White than genuine Hender.
Throughout the century, however, the
records are meagre.

c 550

1012 Dates J-BK

Church of St. Sophia
(Hagia Sophia)
burned and magnificently
rebuilt

Cassiodorus, a monk, made a critical distinction between

TIME MEASUREMENT & TIME

RECKONING. The first, he said, is merely a matter of making observations of celestial bodies and jitting down numbers, and using mechanical devices such as clocks that require technical skill but not intellectual achievement.

A manufacturer, TIME CALCULATING, is purely
intellectual. It recognizes God's miracle
of numbers and their usefulness in
making "calculations" of time, which are
critical to a believer for planning when
& how he will worship God, with
the ultimate calculation being the true
date of Easter.

C550

Duncan:Cal

The Indian poet SUBANDHU
used the dot (to represent zero)
as a metaphor in his
poem Vâsaradattâ

May 550

While Totila was plundering Sicily in May 550 and while another Gothic army captured Rome in the north and inflicted a crushing defeat on the imperial forces near Ravenna, Justinian appointed his cousin Germanus - MATASUNTHA'S 2nd husband - as the new high commander of the Italian Army.

C550

468-568

1912 Dates J-BK
CASSIOBORUS

Christian Writer on Education .

c 550 - c 1000

Dark Ages
The historical period from
decay of classical culture
c 550 - c 1000

Some authorities give different dates

C550

6th century

BEOWULF

From the songs of the scop, or maker of poetry, and the gleeman, or minstrel, was evolved the great Anglo-Saxon epic, "Beowulf," which dates back to the 6th Cen.

May 550 - 552

Phase 3 of Totila's war
The appointment of Germanicus was preceded
by imperial propaganda for AMAL legitimacy;
it was aimed at Italy as well as Italian
émigrés and the Belisarius followers in
Constantinople. The AMAL had always
been "loyal to the emperor."

The name Germanicus, as that of HATASONTUA,
had a particular impact on the many Roman
deserters in the Gothic Army, which

itself was not too enthusiastic about fighting
against Theodoric's grand daughter. But it
never came to that.

Germanus died in summer 550 during his
stay in SERDICA-SOFIA where he was preparing the
invasion of Italy

550

1912 Dates J-EK

Bells were 1st known; in France

Notation by nine digits and zero, called Arabic figures were known in HINDOSTAN.

c 550

The Visigothic language disappeared
It had long since lost the ability
to create new words and terms

Jan 550

the Italian Ostrogothic Kingdom

second conquest of Rome

C 550 AD \rightarrow C 650 AD
6th & 7th Cen AD

In England there was a great dispute between Christians who derived their Easter rite from the CELTS and Christians who had been converted as a result of St AUGUSTINE.

The CELTS retained a computation for Easter based on a lunar cycle of 84 years, while the Romans had in the 5th Cent. given us the 84-year

cycle for a 532-year cycle.

The dispute was settled at the
Synod of Whitby in favor of the
Roman system which prevailed
from that time over the entire
West

c 550 AD

Watermill invented by Belisarius

C 550 \Rightarrow May 26, 604
Born Died

St Augustine

c 550 BC
c 350 BC or
Settled by 310 BC

GERMANS

along North Sea
Holland

Lower Rhine

SAXONS; ANGLES FRANKS

Central
Germany

BURGUNDIANS; LOMBARDS, THURINGIANS

ALAMANS Upper Rhine & Danube

Cimbri. & Teutones destroyed by Marcius
c 102 BC

The regions of Northern Europe were
being occupied by Germanic
Vandals; Suevi Interior of Germany

VISIGOTHS (West Black Sea) Ostrogoths East Black Sea

Reddish or blond hair, blue eyes, great stature, generally powerful physique
Drank lots of beer.

German society was tribal; emphasized loyalties of kinship rather than citizenship. If you injured one you injured his family; a graded system of WER GELD was the penalty. Some tribes coalesced into groups. These groups were called "Vaterlands"

550 A.D.

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CSSO MAYAN SOLAR YEAR

BESIDES the 260 day cycle (or Sacred year) they had a solar year of 365 days.

Composed of 18 months of 20 days each + five intercalary days.

A notable feature was the era known as the 'Long Count' a day-count which began from a

conventional starting point believed
to be 10 August 3113 B.C. According
to our Calendar.

SSOAD

In Babylon, the BABYLONIAN
TALMUD was computed

Under Mohammedan rules,
the lot of the Jews improved
materially.

6TH CENTURY A.D.

5TH \approx 6TH AD

The three wise men began to be described as Kings. Since three gifts were given, it was decided that three kings came. Before this time, they were wise men, no one knows how many.

They were not named until the 8th century.

2nd half of the 6th Century
550 \Rightarrow 600 AD

The modern practice of numbering the days of the month consecutively from first to last came to the West from Syria and Egypt in the 2nd half of the 6th Century. Pope Gregory II introduced it into his Chancery, but his successors reverted to the old Roman style.

The revival of learning under

Charlemagne (about 800) was in
the Latin tradition, and so there was
an official reversion to the Roman
style in the Imperial Chancery too
which persisted for centuries.